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A PRAYER FOR MY SON

Guard him, O God. No love of mine
Can shelter him from ill—
Encircle with Thy grace divine
And guide him with Thy will.

Send sweetest dreams and quiet rest
To calm his troubled mind;
That he may lean upon Thy breast
And peace and comfort find.

Send him Thy strength to evil fight;
Subdue in him all wrong,
That in the battle for the right
His be the victor's song.

Temptations crowd his path by day;
I would it were not so—
That in the straight and narrow way
He might forever go.

My love is powerless and weak,
I pray Thy voice divine
Will to his heart a message speak
A stronger love than mine.

Protect him; guard him every hour,
I leave him in Thy care;
Thine is the will; and Thine is the power—
Mine is just the prayer.

—Author Unknown.

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and giving of thanks, be made for all men."—1 Tim. 2:1.

NOTICES

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To those coming to New Castle, Ind., to work on defense jobs, our church is located at 1327 N. Avenue. Come to see us. My address is same as church.—Richard Lovan, pastor.

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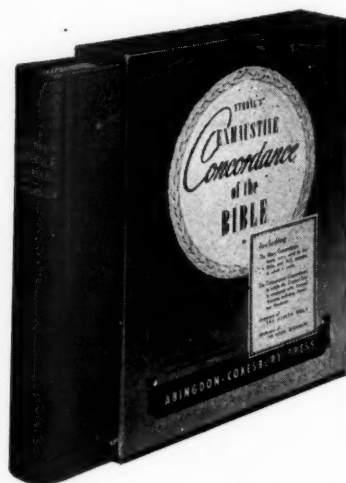
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Revival at Rome, Miss.

ROME, Miss.—I am still praising God for another week's revival with Rev. Leonard Jones and Rev. L. H. Brewer in

charge. Souls fell at the altar and wept their way through to God. Brother Jones has gone to pastor the church at Wheeler, Miss. Pray for me that I will always be found in the service of the Lord.—Mrs. J. P. Norwood.

No heart can be clean until it has been washed in the blood of the Lamb.



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A Call For United Effort

BY E. W. WILLIAMS

Numbers 32:1-33

The children of Reuben and the children of Gad sought their inheritance on *this* side of Jordan. But Moses said, "Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?" (V. 6.)

One important lesson we should learn from this chapter is that all the Lord's people have a common cause. In these days of trouble and perplexity, when we see nations and kingdoms are falling and the Church is facing one of the greatest crisis of its history, there is a call for a united effort on the part of every child of God. There should be displayed in the life of everyone all the elements of Christian courage.

It has been said that what has been attributed as ferocity to the tiger is due to its "incredible audacity and courage." It simply sees no danger, knows no fear, brooks no delay, uses no artifice, and abandons no object of attack. Are these the elements of Christian courage? If we were filled with a deep sense of God's presence and power, and of our own privileges and responsibilities, would this not blind us to many of the things that disturb and terrify, and inspire, to many an act and work which we now dread? "Be strong and of good courage," Deut. 31:6.

Tho' there were twelve tribes, yet were they all brethren (V. 6). The weakening or strengthening of one was the weakening or strengthening of the whole. Though we may live in different territories or fields of labor and our rank of position may differ, yet are we not brethren? Each of us should be interested in whatever concerns the kingdom of God. We feel

that every department of the Church concerns the kingdom of God, Sunday School, Y.P.E., Bible School, Evangel, orphanage, missions, evangelism, etc. These worthy causes vitally concern the promoting of the kingdom of God. Here is where the battle begins, therefore there are many battlefronts which call for united action on the part of everyone. The children of Reuben and the children of Gad sought their inheritance on this side of Jordan. There are some battles, conflicts, and hardships across Jordan. It seems that there are too many Reubenites and Gadites who want to settle down and obtain their inheritance by the way of least resistance. They seem not to think of the welfare of others. Somebody fought at the battlefront for our deliverance. It was through the medium of evangelism, Sunday School, Y.P.E., or some of the other programs of the Church that the light was brought to us. Someone gave, prayed, sacrificed, and "crossed Jordan" that we might possess the wonderful experience of salvation.

One of the greatest dangers to the Lord's work is putting self-interest first. The Reubenites said, "Let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, and bring us not over Jordan." It is too easy to settle down in Jazer and Gilead, and let others look out for themselves. A selfish disposition discourages others. "Wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land." (V. 7.) The selfish spirit not only refuses to cooperate in the Church's program, but it tends to discourage those who are in the pursuit of their duties toward God and the Church. No battles, no sacrifices, no burdens, thus we become idlers in the realm of professed Christianity. Take heed lest there be in any of you an evil heart of laziness! When bees have finished the business of swarming, and the workers have discovered there is no lack of queens, then they with one accord fall on the drones who are massacred without mercy. Thus nature, in these busy bees, passes the sentence of death upon the useless idler. This is also a law in the spiritual world. Those Christians who will not work for the good of Christ's cause among men will be visited with the blight of death upon their spirits.

Doing nothing is a sin against the Lord. "If ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out." (V. 23.) When we become contented and satisfied in neglecting our responsibilities and fail to do our part in the great campaign of the Church work, it will become a sin against the Lord that will be sure to find us out. To become at ease in Zion is a dangerous condition and it will lead to destruction and eternal woe.

There are many who are lamenting



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over lost blessings, and you hear so many say, "We do not have the power that we used to have, and we need to get back to Pentecost." If that condition prevails, it is because we have lost the desire to help and bless others. We are too well satisfied to dwell on this side of Jordan, and let others get their possession the best way they can. Devotion to the interest of the kingdom of God secures present blessings. "If ye will go armed before the Lord until he hath driven out his enemies, this land shall be your possession." (Vs. 20-22.) By helping others into their lot of inheritance we can have and maintain our experience that we received at the cross and in the adorning of the Holy Ghost with all the power and blessings that accompanied it. The reason so many Christians have not entered into a soul satisfying portion in the present life is because they have ceased to help others. There is no class of the disciples of Jesus so happy as the WORKERS. It will be useless for us to respond to the call without the equipment for the battle. "If ye will go armed before the Lord." Our efforts will be in vain without the anointing for service; especially for evangelism we will need a full head of evangelistic steam. It is very suggestive that the word "breath" literally means "steam," something gentle, yet most powerful, from a warm and glowing source. "Come, O breath, and breathe," Ezek. 37:9. The Holy Ghost is the breath of God, the gentle, glowing, all-powerful steam of the Almighty. A preacher filled with the Holy Ghost has the steam always up. It is easy driving when you have plenty of steam on, but oh, how stiff when this heavenly motor

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Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

The President and Prayer

The President in endorsement of the Federal Council of Churches' annual observance of Universal Week of Prayer of January 3-10, commented, "Without spiritual armour, we cannot hope to play an honorable and responsible part in the establishment of world peace."

650 Jews Daily

Quoting Atwood H. Townsend in September *Free World*, the editor of *Prophecy* writes that, "It is now agreed that Hitler's war began in 1933, with the Jews of Germany as its first victims. From best available statistics, he declares that 14,000,000 lives have already been sacrificed — mostly civilians bombed, starved, machine gunned, raped, tortured, burned to death. This includes 1,000,000 children. Do you know, he says, that as many Jews are murdered every 24 hours in Eastern Europe as the total dead of the U. S. Army during seven months of war?" (650 Jews daily.)

T. B. in Britain

According to report by *Time* January 4, "Only 5 per cent of United States cattle are infected, but according to best British estimates, 40 per cent of Britain's 3,500,000 dairy cattle are infected with tuberculosis, though not all infected cows give infected milk and only about 6 per cent of British farms ship infected milk. In October Britain's Medical Research Council Committee on Tuberculosis in Wartime blamed unsafe milk for part of the 45 per cent rise in deaths of British children under ten from tuberculosis."

Discovery of Science

Jacon J. Sessler, First Reformed Church, N. Y., writing on "The Fact of God," feature of a new book to appear in print, said, "Man discovers, cannot create." With scientific methods and skills, man merely discovers and uses what God has already put here. Man cannot create any new particle of matter or energy. He can do remarkable things by using the atoms and electrons in various combinations, but in these combinations he only uses materials that already exist. This means that all matter and energy that exist have always been there, and that in the beginning God created everything. Man created neither coal, gold nor silver. These treasures were placed in the earth by God

ages ago, waiting to be uncovered by man. The scientific method does not create the laws of nature; it only discovers the laws of God already here. Giving a law a name does not mean that it has been newly created; the name is merely for the purpose of identifying a law that has always existed."

Palestine the Outbreak of the War

Jewish Voice reports that since the Jewish population in Palestine has increased 48,000, including 9,500 refugees from Nazi-held territories and an additional 15,500 immigrants, about 400 new industrial undertakings, including chemical and metal works, textile factories and plants for woodwork and plants for building materials, have been initiated. The manufacture of medicaments is of particular importance for the whole of the Middle East. Palestine industry now employs 42,000 people, and goods are produced to the value of nearly 20,000,000 pounds sterling per annum, compared with 10,000,000 sterling before the war. Production of electrical power has increased from 79,000,000 to 112,000,000 kilowatts, of which 8,000,000 is consumed by Jewish agriculture. The government revenue during the three years of the war is 25,000,000 sterling, compared with 15,000,000 sterling in the three years preceding the war. Bank deposits have risen from 17,000,000 sterling to 24,000,000. Considerable contributions have been made by the Yishuv to various war funds, while its public expenditure of national, communal, and civic bodies is estimated at 6,000,000 sterling per annum.

The Span of Life

The possible length that a United States citizen might expect to live, according to *TIME*, increased between 1930 and 1940 from 59 to 63.3 years. Such is the basis as given in a 48 state report made by U. S. Public Health Service.

At the century's turn the expectation of life at birth was less than 50 years. Other new data:

Newborn white males can now expect to live 62.6 years; Negro males, 52 years; white females, 67 years; Negro females, 55.2 years. Percentage increase in the expectation of life at all ages was more than twice as large for Negroes as for whites. One reason: "This (white) population is much closer to the maximum expectation of life attainable with

present knowledge than is the Negro population."

"One of the most gratifying features," said the report by Statistician Harold F. Dorn, "was the uninterrupted decline in the maternal mortality rate which previous to 1930 had shown no decline since . . . 1915. . . . This rate declined 48 per cent among white mothers and 34 per cent among nonwhite mothers. In 1940 the two rates were 3.2 and 7.7 per 1,000 live births, respectively."

Death rate of infants under one year dropped 28 per cent for both whites and Negroes. Of 1,000 white babies born, 43 now die in their first year. Of 1,000 Negro babies, 74 die.

Wise-Cracking Preachers

Many of our early clergy have taken to wise-cracking. The habit of "Oh, yeah," and "Aw, nertz," has beset the men of the cloth. They wise-crack at beds of sickness, instead of leading the patient by prayer into the presence of God. They wise-crack with the worldling, instead of laying upon his heart the claims of Christ. They wise-crack about Biblical truths instead of deepening the respect of their listeners for the old Book. They wise-crack about the sacraments and the ordinances of the Church, instead of elevating them in the minds of the people.

Far be it from me to suggest that the lines of the preacher's face need be cast with sour grapes. I can understand why Oliver Wendell Holmes was discouraged from being a preacher, because a certain ministerial acquaintance bore himself so much like an undertaker. I would, indeed, that the "holy tones" could be taken out of preachers' voices. I am nauseated by those who seek to be impressive, and who succeed only in making themselves ridiculous. I shudder when I see one of the brethren walk as if he were God's eldest brother. But I am agast the wise-cracking clergy.

Certainly, men trained in both college and seminary, who have studied in economics, sociology, and Biblical analysis, should be equipped sufficiently to carry on a conversation on a high level. When resort is made to wise-cracking, it surely appears that the guilty, like the foolish virgins, think that their lamps will go on burning without replenishing the oil. Failing to keep abreast of the times, their light sputters and goes out. Their only recourse is wise-cracking.

It is a common observation that the clergy are the poorest listeners. They are often restless and disrespectful. The fact is that they are seldom listening. They are ever intent on butting in, to tell one that they count just a little better than that which has been told. And people

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SOMETIMES we hear people discussing whether or not any one can go in the rapture without the baptism of the Holy Ghost, or how much salvation it will take to get to heaven, or how little they can get by with. (Some seem to be more interested in how little they can get by with than they are in how much they can get.) Personally, I want all the salvation I can get. "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." Psa. 17:15.

Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Since that is the infallible words of our Lord, let's study the Scriptures to find out what the will of God is, for the will of God is revealed in His Word.

First, it is God's will that all come to repentance, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9. True repentance will be followed by a turning away from that which is wrong, and turning to "Him who came to save His people from their sins." This leads to the new birth, which also is God's will for us.

Jesus said, "Ye must be born again," John 3:7. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. In James 1:18 we read, "Of His own will begat he us with the word of truth," and in John 1:12, 13, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name; Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." We find by searching the Scriptures that repentance and water baptism and the new birth are not all of God's will for us. Epaphras, one of Paul's co-workers, prayed fervently for you that "ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God." Col. 4:12.

God's Word says that God's will is also for our sanctification. 1 Thess. 4:3, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification." Heb. 10:10, "By the which (God's) will we are sanctified, through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Heb. 13:12, 13, "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach." Yes, there is a reproach to bear, but, thank God, I can say,

The Will of God

By MRS. MARY SMITH

Text:

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

*"Lord Jesus, let me dwell
Outside the camp with Thee,
Since Thou art there, then
There alone is peace and rest for me.
Thy dear reproach to bear,
I'll count my highest gain,
Till Thou return, rejected One,
To take Thy power and reign."*

—Selected.

God's Word also declares that believers are filled with the Holy Ghost according to His will. Heb. 2:4, "God also bearing them witness, both with signs, and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will." Eph. 5:17, 18 tells us, "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." If you are not filled with the Spirit, and are wondering what the will of the Lord is for you, the scripture says, "Be filled with the Spirit."

Jesus said in Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." On the day of Pentecost, after that wonderful address Peter gave unto the people, and they became convicted and began to say, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" then Peter said unto them, "Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:37, 38.

We read where Peter and John were cast in prison for preaching the gospel and healing the sick, and were straitly charged that they should not preach any more in the name of Jesus. An angel came and opened the prison doors, and said, "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life." So, early in the morning they entered the temple and began teaching the people how that God had raised up Jesus and had exalted Him to be a Prince and a Savior, and said, "And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him."

I am fearful for those who reject this part of God's will for them because it

is not approved of by the world. "We ought to obey God rather than man."

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of

the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will." Heb. 13:20, 21.

It is the will of God that we suffer patiently for righteousness' sake. 1 Peter 3:17 says, "For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing." 1 Peter 4:19 says, "Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator." God grant that we may be willing whatever the trial or the suffering may be, to say humbly, "The will of the Lord be done." Acts 21:14.

It is the will of God that we live above reproach, having our conversation as "becometh the gospel of Christ," and even though the worldly people may speak against you and say they do not believe like you do, they will have to admit your good works and right living. "For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men." 1 Peter 2:15.

"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thess. 5:16-18. When we obey this part of God's will for us, we naturally keep many other of His commandments. For instance, we cannot "rejoice evermore," and at the same time be sorrowful, fearful, overanxious, or worried. We cannot "pray without ceasing" and at the same time gossip, backbite, slander, find fault, or criticize; and we cannot "give thanks in everything" and at the same time be discontented or covetous or embittered.

It is God's will that we "come out from among the world and be a separate holy people." "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God. Rom. 12:1, 2.

Jesus said, Mark 3:35, "For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother."

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven."

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The Rapture

IT SEEMS to me that our beloved brother, Dr. Hoffman Cohn, and the American Board of Missions to the Jews, have been manifestly led of God in calling this great Congress on Prophecy. Varieties and vagaries of prophetic interpretation are unsettling the saints and leading to conflict and confusion. In the midst of such conditions, it is well that we reaffirm those great prophetic truths that have meant so much to the people of God and especially in the light of recent attacks made upon them. I propose to speak to you now on "The Rapture of the Saints." The word "rapture" does not occur in Scripture any more than the terms "trinity" or "substitution," but like these terms, it expresses scriptural truth. The English word means "to transport to a state of happiness" and comes from a Latin word *rapio*, "to seize quickly or suddenly" or "to snatch away." In 1 Thess. 4:13-18, where we have the account of Christ's coming for His own, we read that they are to be "caught up" (vs. 17). The Greek words here mean precisely "snatch up suddenly." From this we derive the term "rapture."

I. It Is Revealed in the New Testament

The second coming of Christ as foretold by the Lord Himself in Matthew 24 is to be preceded by a series of signs. After the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom to all nations, the first sign is the setting up of "the abomination of desolation in the holy place spoken of by Daniel the prophet." It is plainly evident that this cannot take place till the temple at Jerusalem is again in use and the Jews are in their land under the rule of antichrist. The second sign is "the great tribulation," the time of Jacob's trouble, at the height of which the Lord will come for the deliverance of Israel. Yet when we turn to the Pauline Epistles we find the apostle urging the saints to look for the Lord Jesus the Savior, without any signs preceding His coming. The reasons for these two different lines of prophecy is that when the Lord spoke of the coming of the Son of man, the full mystery of the Church was not yet revealed, but after it was revealed to Paul, to him was also revealed the removal of the Church by translation. No one can possibly con-

fuse the two accounts of the second coming of the Lord, who recognizes the fact that the Lord in Matthew 24 was taking up the threads of Old Testament prophecies regarding Israel, whilst Paul, by subsequent revelation, deals with what is never found in Old Testament prophecy; namely, the removal of the Church, which came into being when Israel was temporarily set aside because of unbelief. When the Church is removed the prophecies of the Old Testament and of Matthew 24 will receive fulfillment. Divine interventions are necessitated by what precedes them and by what follows. The Church came into being when Israel apostatized. And as the gifts and calling of God are without repentance, Israel must be restored before the covenant mercies can be effective. But the Church is still on earth, therefore God must intervene for its removal before He can fulfill His promises made to Abraham and his seed forever. The dispensation of grace must end by divine intervention before Israel can be saved. Those who will have the Church pass through the great tribulation and who appeal to Matthew 24 for proof, should note one significant fact in that chapter. Our Lord distinctly tells His disciples what is to occur "immediately after the tribulation of those days." That is precisely the point at which our friends locate the resurrection. Is it not then a matter of profound significance that the Lord Himself does NOT locate the resurrection at this point, or locate there any event that is to happen to His saints, but speaks only of what will happen to "the tribes of the earth"? What HE says is to occur immediately after the tribulation is that "the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken; and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" (vss. 29, 30). It is impossible to fit the blessed hope of the Church into this framework. Such considerations warrant us in speaking of the second coming of Christ as being in two stages. The first stage is in the AIR for His saints; the second stage is on the EARTH with His saints. Never once do the Epistles speak of the Lord coming as King, but they do speak of the coming of the Lord the Savior. He is never the King of the Church, but He is the King of Israel and

the King of kings, while He is the Lord of the Church and the Savior of the body. It is a remarkable fact and a sure evidence of inspiration that the Epistles never speak of the coming of the Son of man, but the Synoptic Gospels always do. All the writers of the Epistles, except Paul, had heard the Lord speak repeatedly of the coming of the Son of man. Yet not one of them uses the phrase so familiar to their ears. It ceased to be used from the stoning of Stephen and never occurs again till it is found in the Book of Revelation where the Lord is seen as Judge, agreeable with His own words, "All judgment is committed unto the Son"—because He is the Son of man. It is beyond doubt, therefore, that the coming of the Son of man spoken of in the Gospels is not the coming of the Lord of which Paul speaks. Every detail of the coming of the Son of man is omitted from the scriptures which speak of the coming of the Lord FOR His saints. And every detail of the coming of the Lord FOR His saints is omitted from the scriptures which tell of His coming as the Son of man. For example, in the latter there is no mention of the resurrection of the dead and the catching up of those who are alive and remain; no mention of anyone's being changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. While in the former there is no mention of the antichrist, the abomination of desolation, the tribulation and the regathering of Israel. The rapture of the saints is not therefore a pious imagination or theological invention. It is a plainly revealed hope of the people of God in this age.

II. It Is Typified in the Old Testament

Enoch was called of God. He lived in a time antecedent to the flood when shameless sin abounded and human depravity sent its nauseating stench up to the throne of God. Although living in such an environment, Enoch not only stood aloof from the hideous sin around him; he walked in practical holiness in fellowship with God. His walk and his words were pleasing to God and this blessed intimacy ended one day when he found himself suddenly, and without dying, in heaven with God. *The Lord had translated Enoch from earth to heaven.* The Church has been set up on earth as a witness and a warning. She is to witness to her absent Lord as the only Redeemer of men and to warn a wicked and pleasure-loving age of coming judgment. The Church, like Enoch, is to walk the path of separation, to walk with God and show forth the glory of His presence in a

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Vancouver, B. C.

people bought with precious blood. There is a limit to her presence among men. Like Enoch, the Church will be translated, the dead in Christ will be raised, the living saints will be changed and together caught up to meet the Lord in the air. The Church will be taken into the place that Christ has gone to prepare for her.

Lot also is a typical figure. He looked toward Sodom, pitched his tent towards Sodom, took office in Sodom, vexed his righteous soul with the filthy conversation of the Sodomites, and then lost his testimony in Sodom. One day as it drew on towards evening, angelic hands laid hold on Lot and snatched him out of Sodom. In the morning the flaming judgment of God fell upon the doomed city, wiping out all that Lot had so painfully accumulated. Lot represents that side of the professing Church which has lost its pilgrim character and become enamored of world betterment, that side of the Church which has lost the heavenly vision and become a partner in grandiose schemes to make the world a better place for Christ rejecters to live in. Everywhere you will find professed churches where every contrivance for the pleasure of the natural man is provided and where the offense of the Cross has ceased. The heavenly hope is lost sight of and the emphasis is mostly on bringing in the kingdom of God. But suddenly the Lord will come. He will snatch the Church up out of the world. He will take even those who constitute the worldly side of the Church, provided that, like Lot, the root of the matter is in them. He will take them out of the world and up to Himself. After that, the Lord will be revealed from heaven, taking vengeance on His enemies and those that obey not the gospel of God. Lot was saved out of Sodom by being burned out of Sodom. He was saved "so as by fire." There are many believers to whom the coming of the Lord will seem as a calamity. They will be as those who are saved out of a great fire but have all their goods burned up. But note it well! The Lord said He could do nothing till Lot himself should come out of the city. He could not and would not burn it up until Lot was safe outside.

Lot in Sodom was the only thing that stood between Sodom and the fire of God. And startling though it may seem, the Church, in spite of its many failures, is the only barrier between the world and the judgment of God. The Church is as the salt of the earth. It alone saves the

world from complete corruption. It alone saves it from the flaming downpour of God. The presence of the Holy Spirit indwelling the Church corporately in the truly regenerated part of the Church, acts as the antidote to the malignancy of human corruption.

After the Lord had caused Lot to be snatched out of Sodom, the fire fell. After the Church shall be taken up to meet the Lord, the judgment of God will fall. The scene at Sodom was twofold. The Lord intervened first for the removal of Lot out of Sodom. He later came over Sodom with outpoured judgments. So the Lord will come into the air FOR HIS Church; then, later on, He will come with His Church in judgment on the world.

Joseph likewise is an historical fact and a typical and prophetic figure. Yes, he is one of the most outstanding types of our Lord Jesus in the Old Testament. Rejected by his brethren, sold into Egypt, providentially installed as prime minister, he takes to himself a Gentile wife and installs her in his palace. Then famine, sorrow and terrible tribulation overtake his father's house and those same brethren who had so cruelly betrayed and sold him. After allowing them to suffer the due reward of their sin and to endure short but sharp tribulation, he took his wife, entered his chariot, revealed himself in all the dignity of his royal position to his penitent brethren and set them up in the land of Goshen, the land promised by the king, the promised land in Egypt. Joseph first took his wife into his royal abode, the place prepared for her, took her to himself, and then came forth with her resplendent in kingly glory, and established his brethren in the coveted land.

Our Lord Jesus Christ was rejected by His brethren. They sold Him as Joseph's brethren sold him, into alien hands. For two thousand years He has been absent from this world. He is associated with God the Father in rulership on the heavenly throne. During these years of His absence He has been securing a bride from among the Gentiles. He is getting that bride through the preaching of the gospel and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Some day He will descend into the air. He will call the Church as His affianced bride, into the home of His preparing. His banner over her shall be love. When the Church is removed from the earth the Lord's dealings with His brethren in the flesh will begin. Terrible tribulation will have come upon them.

Anguish and agony will be their portion. Then will the Lord descend from heaven with all His saints. He will reveal Himself to His brethren. They will repent at the sight of Him whom their father pierced, and own Him as their once rejected Lord. He will fulfill in glorious completeness the promises made to the fathers in the land of covenant promise.

The coming of Christ is like that of Joseph. As Joseph sought his bride, came for her, then took her into his royal home and afterward revealed himself with her in glory, sharing it with her, so the Lord will come first for His Church and then with her. We are often reminded of the fallacy of building doctrines on types but when Old Testament types so manifestly set forth New Testament teaching, we are warranted in seeing in them much more than mere coincidence. They are divinely-inspired illustrations.

III. It Is Involved in the Heavenly Calling of the Church

Failure to distinguish between Israel, the earthly elect, and the Church, the heavenly elect, has led to endless confusion. In Scripture, the hope and expectation of the Church is always directed heavenward while that of restored Israel points to earthly future blessedness. It was not until after the death and resurrection of Christ that the Church began. In the purpose of God, it existed before all worlds; but as to its actual existence on earth, the Church was formed by the descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Those who till then had been individual believers, disciples of Christ, were by the descent of the Holy Spirit incorporated into one body. The Church is the body and bride of Christ. It is the habitation of the Holy Ghost. Its calling is a heavenly one. Its portion and its hopes are heavenly. Its continuance here is only to represent Christ, and show forth the riches of the grace of God. When its formation and purpose are completed, it will be removed to its own heavenly sphere, and God will then begin to deal in judgment with the earth.

A pivotal scripture that makes plain the purpose of God in this age is found in Acts 15:13-18, "Men and brethren, hearken unto me: Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins

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Foreign Missions



This page edited by Rev. M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

DOWN MEXICO WAY WITH THE ARCHERS

By J. W. ARCHER

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The next morning we catch the train (it isn't hard to catch, as one could nearly keep up with it running) for the second lap of our journey. Here we buy second-class tickets, for the first-class is just double in price and the only advantage is a little softer seat, and whatever feeling of dignity that goes with being a first-class passenger. This means little to an Irishman, but much to a Mexican, as pride is one of the overwhelming sins of this land. It is very easy to work on this pride to make the Mexican hate the American, for, recognizing the superior advantages enjoyed by American people, they naturally feel a sense of inferiority. Their pride makes them despise this inferior feeling, and in turn despise the Americans who enjoy all the privileges of education, money, cars, nice homes, etc., which their backward economic system has not permitted them.

The wealthy, educated Mexican feels none of this inferiority. Nor should he, for with his wealth he can enjoy all the advantages of our civilization, and certainly he is as well educated, and comes behind none of us in intelligence. One has to be constantly on guard not to offend this false pride. For example, they think that all the famous songs, such as "The Old Rugged Cross," "Nearer My God to Thee," etc., were written in Spanish. They are surprised, and their pride touched, when we tell them that practically all of their hymns are translations from the English, and that often much of the inspired, deeper meaning of the songs has been lost in the translation. For the translators often change the meaning completely, to suit their fancy or to fit the music.

After seven hours of swaying and bouncing through virgin tropical lands, cultivated only in small patches here and there, and of missing punches at typewriter keys with each jerk, we slow up for Tres Valles. Brethren swarm on the train before it stops (the doors are never closed) and grab us and the suitcases, carrying the suitcases and nearly carrying me, in their glad welcome. Natives in white, who come by the hundreds to the one daily event of the passing train,

stare in open curiosity at the sight of an American in their village. But in a few minutes the whole city will know why we are here, for one of them will ask one of the brethren, and word will travel by mouth rapidly through the village.

This is the headquarters of Ruben Arcos, who pastors the local church. The church building is of 1 by 12 board sides, and palm roof, about 30 by 80 feet. This is quite an imposing edifice in this land of bamboo and palm huts. It is the rainy season, so we paddle through mud the several blocks to the church, accompanied by some twenty chattering brethren. At the church we are asked to step inside for a moment of prayer, and are greeted by a shower of flower petals by the women of the church, followed by a welcome song. After prayer, we go next door to the parsonage, of bamboo and palm, with dirt floors, swept scrupulously clean.

It is the first time we have seen Ruben since he was placed in jail two months ago by enemies. This was not a new experience to him, as he has been in jail several times for the gospel. He has also been poisoned. I was in the United States at the time, but Mrs. Archer had returned to Mexico, and through an exchange of wires, prayer on the part of the Church, and intervention with the Government on the part of Sister Archer, he was quickly released.

He is the same smiling, happy warrior, looking none the worse for his experience. We have six other churches in these parts, back from the railway, which we will visit on our return here, but for now we will press on into the interior.

After passing Saturday and Sunday here, with the blessing of the Lord upon the services, we leave Monday morning on foot for Tuxtepec, a day's journey away by horse or foot. They never gallop their horses here, but walk them at a fast walk. I presume this is because of the heat, and because much of the time one is traveling through forest trails cut out of the brush, where it would be dangerous to gallop. There is a branch train running from the main line ten miles below here, to Tuxtepec, but we would lose a day waiting on these trains. So we choose to walk. The river at Tuxtepec is about two blocks wide in the rainy season, runs deep and swift, with clear

mountain water. The city of some twenty thousand is located on a thirty-foot cliff overflowing the river. It is the river trade center and shipping point for hundreds of miles of wild interior.

The brethren were delighted to see us, and quickly spread the word around to gather for services. Among our members is a storekeeper, and the operator of the city light system, and owner of a rice and corn mill. We use oil lamps in the churches here, as few villages have lights, which makes these dark people look all the darker in the dim light. The church was full when we started services, the people sitting patiently and happily for three hours, singing and listening to the Word of God, of which they never get enough.

We have been advised that the boat will leave at nine in the morning, so we bid an early farewell to the brethren and go down to the river, only to learn that they have decided not to leave until four in the afternoon. Later we learn that this thirty-foot, flat-bottom motorboat will be loaded and pulling two barges, and that we would have to ride on one of the open barges, exposed to sun and rain. The one other boat is to leave at four in the morning, and having a lighter cargo, promises to beat the first boat to our destination. So we decide to wait until four the next morning. One becomes quite accustomed to these waits in Mexico. At one time numerous cargo boats plied this river, and Americans, Germans and Englishmen operated huge banana plantations on both sides of the river, and far inland. But when the Mexican Government expelled all foreign capital from the country, the plantations began to deteriorate. Then a disease struck the bananas, and now only a pitiful semblance of the original commerce remains. The tropical forest quickly reclaimed the land and little evidence remains that it had ever been cultivated.

(To be continued)

India-Returned Missionaries' Visit

ALVIN, Ill.—We were very happy and fortunate to have a two weeks' visit during the Christmas season by Rev. and Mrs. Hoyle L. Case, our returned missionaries from India. During their stay here they spoke at our regular services; also the high school principal had them

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Education For Post-War Service

Religion, education, and freedom are hanging in the balances. The youth of America are being called by the millions for service in the various branches of our armed forces. It is possible that your ambitions to educate your son or daughter have been blasted by his call to serve the country we love. Many millions will be called to serve this country, but some will never see combat duty; to these and their parents, let me make an earnest appeal.

In the first place, America will be a different country after the war. I am not necessarily referring to the political set-up, but when these millions of nerve-racked, shellshocked, and fighting men return to their homes they will be quite different in many respects. These young men will have lost their most important years of training for a vocation in life. Your son would have probably been a mechanic, schoolteacher, carpenter, lawyer, minister, or have chosen one of the thousands of other vocations. However, his country called him; he served and now he returns without the proper educational background to assume the responsibilities of going into some legitimate business. Employment, training for a vocation, and religious education will be three important post-war problems with the return of our boys from the various battlefields. Many dissipated and unsocial characters were made by World War I, and no doubt the number will be greatly increased at the conclusion of this terrible conflict.

Secondly, qualified teachers and trained social workers will be deficient in number compared to the urgent demand. Many young people could begin now and be prepared for the emergency which will naturally arise when the boys and young ladies return home.

Winning the war seems to be the major issue that we are presently confronted with; but by no means should we forget the stupendous work of transforming our manufacturing plants to peace-time enterprises, and of promulgating religious principles to the torn and battle-scarred world.

In order to do these things preparations should be made now by the nation,

the church, and the individual. School-teachers are in demand. The demand for trained workers is high. Only well-trained and educated workers can stem the turbulent, downward trend of morality. The remaining youth are faced with a great work. We must prepare for the period of reconstruction.

The opportunities of education offered by the Church of God Bible Training School and College is worth serious consideration. This school, with Spirit-filled, competent teachers, can train you for a specific ministry in the aftermath of this World War II.—Vessie D. Hargrave.

Prepare Now For Christian Service After the War

Do you realize that after this war is over we who are doing Christian service will have much more to do than we have ever had? The demand for Christian workers will be much greater than it is now, and it is extremely great now. Do you realize that if we are to work after the war is over we will need to prepare ourselves now? If you do not, then let me advise you that you should start thinking about it and do your best to prepare yourself for service.

Before it is over the war will have wrecked many more homes than it already has; it will leave victims everywhere; it will leave hundreds and thousands of people unclothed, unsheltered, and unfed.

The duty of the Christian is to do his best to make the world a place more fit in which to live. To do this he must encounter many hardships. He will have many battles to fight. Unless he is prepared he cannot do his work as he should. Therefore he must be ready when called; he will have no time then to prepare.

We who are in school now have this in mind. We are preparing ourselves for the work we must do when the time comes. The young people who are in training now are doing fine work, yet we need many more to help us in our task.

Come on, young people! Let us not fall down on the job. Let us prepare ourselves for Christian service after the war.—Mildred Blanton.

Christian Education After the War

What is one of the great needs of the day? This question may be answered in a few words, "Christian education." The Church of God Bible Training School and College has a well-balanced curriculum and efficient teachers. The school, I think, is similar to a modern battleship with all of its members working successfully together. The captain is the leader. Each member of the sailing crew knows his duty, and does it promptly. The Bible School has a splendid leader. The teachers and students know their duty and cooperate with one another in whatever task is undertaken. You not only receive an education of book learning but of self-expression.

If only the youth of yesterday could have known of this great institution, I am sure the world would have had more Christian leaders. It trains students in spiritual leadership as well as the practical affairs of everyday life. We not only need an education like this now, but will also need it after the war. There will be a great demand for young people after this war to help in the business of rebuilding world affairs. There will be a demand for men and women willing to go to foreign lands with the gospel.

We who have the chance to go to school should take advantage of this opportunity now or someone else will have our place. If there is no one to take our place, then there will be a place left vacant and God's work will suffer. I think the Church of God Bible Training School is an ideal place for a student to receive training in Christian education.—Doyle Stanfield.

What the Christian's Life Will Mean After the War

After every war there is a retrogressing in education and religion. We are faced with this problem today as our nation engages in this terrible conflict. The influence of the Christian is great now, but how much more will it be after the war?

The morality of our nation will probably reach a lower level than ever before. People seem to lose the vision and the strength necessary to battle difficulties during a crisis of this kind. We, as Chris-

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Orphanage Receipts For Quarter Ending December 31, 1942

Alabama	\$534.96
Arizona	104.86
Arkansas	96.41
California	237.36
Colorado	4.03
Delaware	18.87
District of Columbia	14.23
Florida	655.28
Georgia	670.30
Idaho	38.10
Illinois	252.98
Indiana	79.62
Iowa	36.49
Kansas	55.17
Kentucky	422.69
Louisiana	79.35
Maine	32.24
Maryland	191.54
Massachusetts	11.89
Michigan	267.87
Minnesota	7.10
Mississippi	237.85
Missouri	234.42
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New Jersey	10.50
New Mexico	30.68
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North Dakota	74.37
Ohio	534.72
Oklahoma	89.76
Oregon	15.77
Pennsylvania	249.65
South Carolina	1,061.21
South Dakota	30.97
Tennessee	774.96
Texas	485.81
Utah	3.35
Virginia	319.87
Washington	70.04
West Virginia	562.95
Wisconsin	.35
Wyoming	3.71

—General Secretary and Treasurer

Miscellaneous

ALABAMA

Mrs. J. B. Stanfield, Boaz—Used: 9 dresses, 1 coat, 1 pr. pajamas, 2 undershirts, 3 prs. anklets.

Mrs. Erma Griffen, Fyffe—6 prs. socks, 1 bedspread, 7 washcloths, 1 hair bow, 3 sheets, 1 blanket, 2 yds. material, 9 towels, 1 pr. step-ins, 1 cap.

Mrs. Dee Thomas, East Gadsden—1 purse, 1 slip, 1 box candy.

Mrs. W. P. Warner, Montgomery—1 pr. skates.

Mr. and Mrs. Nellis Trogren, Gunter-ville—1 dress, 1 sweater, 1 pr. socks.

ARIZONA

Rev. D. K. Murphy, Kingman—Used:

2 suits, 4 coats, 2 prs. overalls, 2 prs. pants.

ARKANSAS

Mrs. M. J. McDonald, Wynne—1 housecoat, 1 pr. shoes.

CALIFORNIA

Sallie Jeffreys, Corona—1 coat, 8 shirts, 2 prs. overalls, 8 slips, 14 dresses, 6 bath towels, 1 sheet, 38 prs. socks, 6 hdkfs., 3 washcloths, 6 prs. panties, 2 prs. suspenders, 1 brassiere, 3 cards bobby pins, 1 box hair pins, 3/4 yds. ribbons, 13 hair bows, 8 hair berets.

L.W.W.B., Baldwin Park—1 gown, 6 bath towels, 2 dresses, 9 washcloths, 18 prs. shoe strings, 2 blouses, 2 boy's suits, 2 potholders, 2 dish towels, 1 pr. pillowcases, 1 pr. gloves, 3 unionsuits.

Y.P.E., El Cajon—1 pr. skates, 1 gun set, 4 sets marbles, 1 tennis set, 1 sewing set, 3 jump ropes, 6 games, 5 toys, 1 football, 1 ball and bat, 2 boxes clothespins, 1 baseball 1 kitchen set, 1 storybook.

Church of God, Huntington Beach—3 suits, 6 dresses, 1 shirt, 1 sewing set, 1 pr. socks. Used: 1 suit of clothes.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Beulah Faye Edwards, 524 Buchanan St., N. W.—1 pr. pajamas, 3 tams.

FLORIDA

S. S. Class No. 6, Tampa—3 bars soap, 3 washcloths, 1 towel.

Church of God, Key West—1 teaset, 2 books, 1 toilet set, 1 box stationery, 1 hair bow, 1 pillow top, 4 ties, 5 hdkfs., 1 pencil box, 2 games, 1 gown, 4 prs. panties, 1 jacket, 1 pkg. pins, 1 doll, 5 boxes hdkfs., 3 toys, 1 cedar chest, 1 sewing set. Used: 1 kiddie car, 6 prs. shorts, 7 suits, 2 prs. pajamas, 23 prs. socks, 1 jacket, 1 pr. shoes, 1 cap.

Beach Grove Church, Ponce de Leon—12 washcloths.

GEORGIA

Levoman Stewart, Rome—Used: 1 leather jacket.

Church of God, Trion—28 washcloths.

Mrs. Carrie Davis, Savannah—Used: 10 sweat shirts, 13 shirts, 1 pr. shorts, 14 prs. pants, 5 prs. overalls, 1 pr. coveralls, 2 coats.

G. W. Mize, La Fayette—Used: 4 prs. overalls, 1 coat.

Rome (no name)—1 toy, 1 kitchen set.

Mrs. Effie Tobbeat, Palmetto—1 box stationery, 3 prs. anklets, 1 bath towel, 1 hdkf.

Church of God, McCall—1 toy tractor.

KENTUCKY

Lewis Rains, Keets—1 guitar.

J. T. Pitts, Somerset—1 pr. shoes.

Mrs. J. E. Rosenbaum, Middlesboro—Used: 2 prs. shoes, 7 dresses, 2 suits, 1 coat, 1 skirt.

R. E. Levette, Louisville—9 slips, 3 prs. anklets, 14 pen and pencil sets, 4 games, 7 ties, 1 tie and knife set, 2 suspender and tie sets, 3 bottles ink, 7 bill-folds, 2 puzzles, 1 box candy, 5 toys, 3 comb and brush sets, 1 belt, 2 pocket-books, 2 prs. hose, 1 doll, 1 pr. step-ins, 11 books, 6 tie and hdkf. sets, 6 boxes crayons, 6 pencil boxes, 6 dresses, 6 prs. socks, 8 prs. gloves, 5 boxes hdkfs., 4 scarfs, 14 shirts, 15 sweaters, 12 hdkfs., 1 hair bow, 4 caps, 1 pencil and stationery, 1 pr. hose, 1 gift set, 2 purses, 1 gown.

Mrs. Gertrude Edwards, Pikeville—2 dresser scarfs, 1 purse. Used: 14 dresses, 3 slips, 3 prs. step-ins, 1 radio, 2 jackets, 2 sweaters.

MARYLAND

C. A. Perry, Easton — 2 prs. worn shoes.

Mrs. J. Jackson, Baltimore—2 books.

MASSACHUSETTS

Church of God, Worcester—1 checker board, 7 puzzles, 2 tablets, 3 games, 3 memo pads, 1 uke, 1 ball and bat, 1 novelty, 7 dolls, 1 French harp, 5 books, 2 pencil boxes, 1 musical instrument, 2 toys, 1 pocketbook, 15c cash, 2 hdkfs.

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Pray For

The healing of my feet.—T/Sgt. A. R. Staggs, 1055th QM Co., Army Air Base, Venice, Fla.

My brother to be saved and healed, his address is Miley A. Staser, S. F. 1st C., U. S. Naval Hospital, Ward 12, Portsmouth, Va.—Lillie W. Poarch, Calhoun, Ga.

The Lord to heal me of a serious head trouble; my mother who is very sick to be healed.—Mrs. Tiney Beal, Carters, Ga.

Me to be healed of cancer, I have been afflicted four years.—Mrs. Melton Hatfield, Box 95, Bonny Blue, Va.

My husband to be healed of a serious head, nose and throat trouble. — Mrs. Loy Purdy, Rt. 1, Toccoa, Ga.

God to unstop my deaf ears and heal me of terrible head noises and severe sinus pains in my head, neck and shoulders. I have suffered six long years; it seems I am having the trials of Job.—Frank Canipe, Toccoa, N. C.

Me to be healed spiritually and physically, I am paralyzed from my waist down.—Bertha Snipes, 1121 Jones St., Clovis, N. Mex.

Mrs. Lula Cole, Double Springs, Ala., who is in the hospital in a serious condition, she can't live many days unless God undertakes for her.—Martha Sutherland, Double Springs, Ala.

The healing of my body, the doctor says I can't get well but I know Jesus heals all sickness.—Mrs. Lessie Mae Sellers, Rt. 1, Caryville, Fla.

The healing of my body.—Sarah Summie, Alcoa, Tenn.

Me to be healed of a hurting in my arms and shoulders.—Mrs. Mary Passman, c/o E. S. Raines, Folsom, La.

The healing of my sick body and soul. I truly need encouragement.—Mrs. B. W. Heptinstall, Rt. 3, Roanoke, Ala.

The healing of Brother Newton Smith of a severe cough, also his knee to be healed—Sister Smith, Fitzgerald, Ga.

Me to be healed of a nervous breakdown; Ellen and Nathina Carter who lost their two little boys on Christmas night, their house burned and burned their little boys to death.—Sallie Baldwin, Rt. 1, Box 7, Hallsboro, N. C.

The Lord to heal me of epileptic fits; my little nephew's knees to be strengthened. — William B. Burton, Box 784, Brownfield, Tex.

The healing of my body, I have serious head trouble; my little girl's eye to be healed.—Mrs. Beatrice Haddock, Sprinkle Ave., Orangeburg, S. C.

My brother, Henry Hasting, to be healed of lung trouble, he has been down two years.—Mrs. Virginia Asbury, Packsville, W. Va.

The healing of Hoke Anderson who is in the sanatorium very bad with T. B.—Mrs. Grady Anderson, Hiawasse, Ga.

The complete healing of my body.—Mrs. Bessie Brooks, Rt. 1, Troy, Tenn.

The Lord to heal my body.—Lula B. Breland, Neely, Miss.

The healing of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Shiflett's little four-year-old child, the doctors think it is tumor of the stomach. It is in a very serious condition.—A friend, Henagar, Ala.

Mrs. Chas. Sullivant to be healed of cancer; my husband's body and soul; my body; a cousin who has lung trouble to be healed.—Mrs. W. G. Walker, Rt. 2, Box 127, Starkville, Miss.

My mother, Mrs. Earlie Robertson, Rt. 3, Elba, Ala., to be healed of heart trouble, she can't even lie down, has to be propped up to sleep.—Myrtle Jordan, 313 Brantley St., Opp, Ala.

God to completely heal my back and head.—Mrs. Rosa Shaw, Rt. A, Box 51, Madison, Fla.

My husband to be saved and healed of a rupture.—Mrs. George T. McNease, Rt. 3, Colquitt, Ga.

The healing of Ethel Simpson who is in the hospital in a serious condition.—Mrs. Ruby Carden, Louisville, Ky.

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REPORTS

The Lord Blessed in Home-Coming

TAMPA, Fla.—We praise the Lord for the wonderful way in which He blessed us at our home-coming November 29. We had a nice crowd and the bountiful spread at noon was pleasing evidence of the way the Lord blesses His saints in a material way as well as spiritual.

Our pastor, Brother G. W. Hodges, brought two inspiring and soul-filling messages, morning and evening. Brother Bruce Watson gave us some very helpful admonition in his good message in the afternoon. One hundred dollars was raised, bringing our building fund to approximately \$1,000. We are going to enlarge and reconstruct our church and build some badly-needed Sunday School rooms.

The Lord is blessing in all departments of our church. The Sunday School has increased steadily. Our Y.P.E. is also growing and the Lord manifests Himself wonderfully in our Y.P.E. services.

Brother Hodges has certainly proved a blessing and inspiration to this church, with his Bible-backed messages, his radio programs and his constant attendance upon the sick and troubled. We have found him to be a real evangelistic pastor with his prayer and purpose—"souls for Christ." We thank God for Brother Hodges and his family and their co-worker, Sister Bryant. I think all the church has learned to love them in the short time they have been here. We, at Tampa, were fortunate in having a good pastor to follow a good pastor. We appreciated Brother Hamby and his family and ask God's blessings upon them in their work this year.

Pray that all of us members will soon get under the burden of lost souls as sincerely as our pastor is. — Mrs. Ione Watts Self, reporting secretary.

Church Needed Near Camp

Dear saints, just a few lines in request for prayer in this part of the country for there isn't a Church of God around here any place. The nearest one is at Dallas, Tex., about one hundred eighty miles from here. There are 90,000 soldiers in this camp and about 2,000 civilians working here, and to think there is no Church of God. I ask you to pray that a Church of God will be opened in the City of Killen, Tex. That is near this army camp. Please pray that God will undertake to send someone in here for they surely need the Lord here.

I have spoken to Brother Dillinger about it and he said they surely needed

one here. Please pray for me so I can do all I do for the glory of God.—Pfc. Walter Arthur, Co. A., 744 Tank Bn., Camp Hood, Tex.

Feel His Presence in Every Service

BORGER, Tex.—I thank God for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. I thank and praise Him for the Church of God here in Borger, Tex. God has been blessing in a special way. We feel His dear presence in every service. We appreciate our pastor, Brother Gardner, and family; they are a blessing to all. Brother Gardner is a real man of God; his Spirit-filled messages are a blessing to saint and sinner. We are going over the top for Jesus. We ask all saints to add your prayers to ours that many souls will be saved here this year.—Mrs. W. S. Morrow.

A Neglected Field

WINSLOW, Ariz.—We are still in Winslow. We have our lot and the concrete foundation laid for the church and the parsonage, also a part of the materials on the ground for building and are still appealing to saints to pray that the Lord will send us the finance to go on that we may get our work started full sway. There is a wonderful opportunity here as all houses are full. This is a dark and neglected field. We have no members here as yet, but are looking forward to a good church. Saints, do pray. Pioneer work isn't pleasant. What we are in dire need of now is finance to go on; we have promise of labor donated.—Mrs. D. H. Fuller, Gen. Del.

REVIVALS

EAST RAINELLE, W. Va.—The Church of God at East Rainelle, W. Va., recently closed a two weeks' revival, conducted by Brother Bill Ross and wife, of Wayne County, W. Va. We are glad to report that the revival was a success, not only in the number receiving a definite experience from God, but also that the church was greatly revived and blessed.

Brother Ross is an old time preacher of righteousness and brought real Spirit-filled messages to the church. Special singing by Brother and Sister Ross was greatly enjoyed. We welcome them for a revival at any future time.

The revival closed with the observance of the Lord's supper and feet washing, which was truly a wonderful service blessed by the power of God.

We also praise the Lord for our pas-

tor, Brother W. H. Compton, and his sweet family. Through his leadership and good, kind way we feel more encouraged that the church here can move forward for God. Please pray for Brother and Sister Compton in their work here and that God will mightily increase and bless His church here under their ministry.—Mrs. A. C. Wiseman, clerk, Box 175.

AUSTINVILLE, Va.—We are all happy in the Lord, just to know God is still on the throne, still hearing and answering prayer. Our revival closed Dec. 6 at the Sheeptown church, Rev. Charlie McDaniel, of the Pentecostal Holiness church, in charge. There were seven saved, three reclaimed and five sanctified. We are all encouraged, praying and believing that God is going to give us some more souls and fill these hungry hearts with the Holy Ghost. We praise the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Rev. and Sister E. Ray Kirk, for the love they show to all God's people. If there ever was a time we needed to draw close to God, it is now. I feel the need of God more than I ever have in time past. Pray for us here at Sheeptown, that there will not be any left, but all will be ready when He makes His appearing.—Mrs. Hallie Alley, clerk.

EDINBURG, Tex.—Our revival has come to a close after three weeks and yet we hope to keep this good revival spirit among us. Our beloved pastor, Brother F. C. Dozier, did the preaching. Such conviction seized the sinners that the altar would be filled night after night. The Holy Ghost would take charge and the pastor didn't get to preach one Sunday night. Glory to God! How God did bless. Thirteen were saved, ten sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and nine added to the church. Praise God. We feel fortunate to have such a good shepherd to gather in the lost sheep.

Now a boost for the Willing Workers. Since Brother Dozier and family are here we have done \$86.31 worth of improvement in the parsonage, papered the entire house, painted it and bought four new linoleums. Pray for us that this good work will continue. God has surely blessed and we praise His name for all accomplished.—Mrs. Viola Yancey, clerk, 422 W. Stubbs.

CONCORD, N. C.—We thank God for His many blessings. We praise Him for the revival here at the Church of God in Concord. Sister Gertrude Newman, of Kennedy, Ala., was the evangelist. My, how the Holy Ghost would take charge. It seemed at times that the place was charged with the power of God. The entire community was stirred. Twenty

were saved, twelve sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost and on the last night of the revival the Holy Ghost came down and took charge and blessed in a wonderful way. The church was blessed by having Sister Newman. We have a wonderful band of saints to work with in Concord. Our Sunday School is growing. Our Sunday night attendance is good. The church gave Sister Newman a \$95.00 offering and then the last night of the revival gave the pastor and his wife a fifty dollar offering for a Christmas gift. Pray that God will continue to bless in Concord. Anyone passing through Concord will find the Church of God in West Concord on the old Charlotte highway just outside the Concord city limits. Pray for us.—J. H. Daniels, pastor, Box 126.

Wonderfully Healed of Different Diseases

ALBERTVILLE, Ala.—I have wanted to send a request to the Evangel for several weeks, ever since the devil has afflicted my body. The command is to bear one another's burdens and I'm so glad the saints of God do that.

I was stricken at the Assembly with pleurisy in my right side. I couldn't breathe in my right lung but about two inches. The fluid covered the entire lung. My right shoulder and arm were partially paralyzed and gave me intense pain. My heart has also given me much trouble.

But I praise God for grace to stand everything that comes our way and that we can say as Job of old, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him." Up until this time the Lord has always come on the scene immediately and healed me. How I do praise Him for His great healing power; He has been so good to me.

I have been healed of many diseases, every one the enemy has afflicted me with since I've had this wonderful salvation. Some of these were hemorrhoids, colitis, stomach trouble, neuralgia, sinus trouble, and I have been taken with heart attacks so severely that I would start falling. I would pray and God would rebuke the pain and heal me instantly.

I will tell you of another wonderful thing the Lord has done for me. I had suffered terribly for four years with my feet. I had fallen arches. A foot specialist said I would have to have special-built shoes since every step I took my foot would spring and the rubbing made such painful corns on almost every toe and between my little toes. Before I got salvation I tried everything to get relief for my corns but to no avail. When I got salvation I began asking for faith that my corns would be healed and He said, "Ask and it shall be given." So one time I was praying with some saints and

I thought about my corns. I asked them to pray and anoint me with oil and God surely blessed. My feet have been healed. Glory to God!

I find that no matter how small a thing might seem to us, God wants us to ask Him for help. For Paul said, "Cast your every care upon him for he careth for you." I have found that no matter what trouble comes our way, it is God's will for us to come to Him for help. The world seeks help from man-made remedies, but if we are God's children we will love to do as James says: "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for

the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up," James 5:13-16.

I praise God that I'm much better now. I can breathe good, all the pain is gone except in the bottom portion of my lung. My heart is fine now and I'm able to be up part of the time. I praise Him for the privilege to work for Him every day. I thank Him most for saving me from a life of sin and taking all the lust of the flesh and desire of worldly things from me. I'm glad He says, "Come out from the world and be ye separate."—Mrs. C. L. Ingram.

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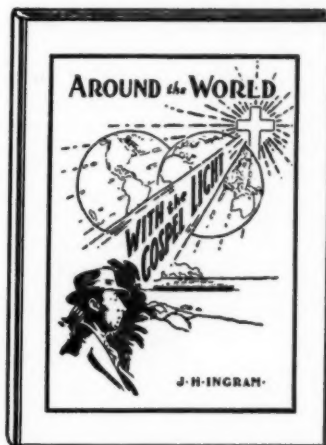
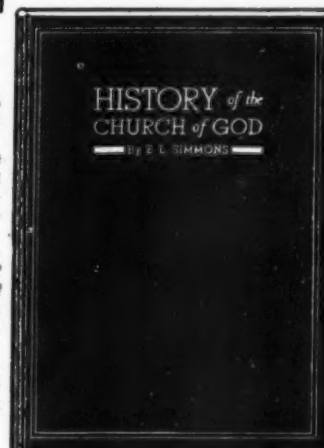
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Mission Page

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for one chapel to speak to the school. This was a treat to all and was enjoyed by every one here. This being a small town they seldom (if ever before) have a visit by missionaries. Much good was accomplished and lasting influence continues, so perhaps only eternity will reveal all the good that was accomplished here in the souls of those who attended the services. These young people have many good things to tell of experiences which God has brought them safely through.

Brother and Sister Case will soon be in Cuba to do mission work for God and His Church. They need the prayers of all who pray as this is a new field for the Church of God. Don't fail to remember them in your daily prayers.

As your coworker in the Lord's vineyard, I solicit your prayers for Alvin, Ill., as this is a very small, young church laboring under unfortunate conditions. They have no church building since the storm last March completely destroyed the building they were then using. Much of the heart of the town was also blown away. We are planning to build if the Government will grant us a permit. Please pray for us. There is a number of good people in and around here to reach with the full gospel and there is a good future ahead unless hindered by Satan. I am depending on my many brothers and sisters over the States to help us in prayer. I am praying for each of you. Pass this way and visit us. We hope to have our missionaries visit us again. God bless every one of you.—T. F. Blackwell.

Religion and the World

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who talk too readily and steadily are the deadliest bores in the world. Persons afflicted with this unfortunate gift of chatter repel when they embark upon haphazard topics and irrelevant trains of thought. Rather than endure a few moments of silence, they think any joke will do, be it ever so poor. The terrible consequence is that such a one so develops the habit of mere talkativeness that when he goes into the pulpit there is that palpable absence of passionate conviction marked by uninspiring casualness.—Ivan H. Hagedorn in *Church Management*.

A Call for United Effort

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is absent! The way to keep the steam up is to have a heart set on fire of love to God. When we welcome the Holy Ghost into our life He will shed abroad the love of God in our hearts.

Then the battles, conflicts, trials, and persecutions on the other side of Jordan will kindle that love into a flame that

will enable us to pray as Peter did, "Now, Lord, . . . grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal," Acts 4:29, 30. Great boldness is needed to preach God's Word. There are too many who are ready to threaten when His Word is courageously spoken. Then if you do not have the anointing of God's power you will beat a retreat. But after all something more is needed if souls are to be wounded with a sense of sin. Unless His hand is stretched forth with His Word, no healing power will be felt. The hand of God's Spirit is greatly hindered where there is doubting and fearfulness; but don't let us imagine that our boldness and faithfulness alone will suffice to bring souls to Christ. We must remember that it is the "Spirit that quickeneth." Along with our testimony there must be stretched forth that Almighty and invisible hand that can lay hold on the hearts of the ungodly and turn them whithersoever He will. When His hand is stretched forth, signs and wonders will be done. The enemy will be driven out and souls will be brought into the kingdom and the great Church of God will move on fulfilling its purpose.

What the Christian's Life Will Mean After the War

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tians, and especially ministers, will have a big part to play after this war to re-establish ideals and build faith in God. It will take optimism and zeal to be able to solve all the problems of the day.

More and more people are realizing the need of an education as a means of helping solve these great problems. The leaders of our nation are stressing it and we Christians should not neglect it. A Christian must be prepared and bold to face the problems before him. We as Church of God people have begun to realize the value of higher education by establishing the Junior College department in our school. Let us praise Him for it and prepare ourselves that our lives as Christians will mean much after this war.—Hoyt Redmond.

THE RAPTURE OF THE SAINTS

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thereof, and I will set it up: that the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world." That is God's purpose in this age. He is not now converting the world, nor setting up His kingdom. He is now taking out from among the Gentiles a people for His name. We do not forget that in the Church there is a proportion of saved Jews but the proportion of such does not in any way alter the truth of

the above statement. When "the fullness of the Gentiles" (the Church) has been brought in, then the Lord will come for His own. Following this, He will resume His dealings with His ancient people and world-wide blessing will be the result. This age is not the age of the ingathering, that age is to follow. This is the age of the out-gathering, the out-gathering of an elect people to be united with Christ in glory in that day when He shall come to reign as the appointed King over the millennial earth. To ignore the plain teaching of the Word of God as to the place and purpose of the Church in this age, and to shut our eyes to the similarly plain teaching as to the place and purpose of Israel in the age to come, is to land ourselves in hopeless confusion.

It is this refusal to rightly divide the Word of Truth, that has caused some to assert that the Church must go through the great tribulation. Yet, in the Epistles specially written for the guidance of the Church, there is not a word about the great tribulation. Is it likely that, if the Church is to pass through this awful time, the Epistles that deal with the peculiar character of the Church and its destiny should have nothing to say on the matter? Nothing is said because the Church has nothing to do with it. It is designated "the time of Jacob's trouble," and when God puts a label on anything it is well to recognize it. Some imagine they have disposed of the question by asking if there is any scripture which says that the Church will NOT go through the tribulation. But no intelligent person should put such a question. Scripture does not teach by negations. If it did we might ask if Scripture says that the Church will NOT go through purgatory? It does not. Will the Church then go through purgatory? This is neither truth nor reason. A much more sensible question is, Does Scripture say the Church WILL go through the tribulation? It does not. Who dare say it will? Paul in the earliest reference in his Epistles to the rapture says, "Ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus which delivered us from the wrath to come" (1 Thess. 1:9, 10). Our tribulationist friends reply to this that there is a difference between the wrath to come and the tribulation and that Christ delivers us from the wrath but not from the tribulation which will be over, and the saints, after passing through it, will be delivered before the vials of wrath are poured out. However, it can be shown that the tribulation and the wrath are concurrent and that exemption from one involves deliverance from the other. The tribulation will ensue when "the abomination of desolation is set up in the holy place." They will be slain

who refuse to worship the image of the beast (the abomination), while it is said of the wrath, "And the first (angel) went and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which has the mark of the beast, and upon them that worshipped his image" (Rev. 16:2). From these two references it is clear that both the tribulation and the wrath begin when the abomination is set up in the temple, and both will continue during the last half of Daniel's 70th week (three and a half years). The meaning is clear—the Church will be delivered from them both. It is futile to refer to Matthew 24 to cancel this. Why apply the "elect" mentioned there to the Church which was not in existence and not to angels or Israel which were? There is much in the context to show that Israel is there referred to as the "elect" for the Lord immediately went on to unfold the parable of the fig tree, which is undeniably Israel, and the whole background of the prophecy is Jewish. We have the temple and the Sabbath Day—all identified with Israel and not with the Church, the former being an earthly people with an earthly inheritance, and the latter being a heavenly people with a heavenly inheritance. The judgments of the tribulation are for Christ rejecters, Jew or Gentile. How then can those who have kissed the Son be condemned with those who spat upon Him? It is unthinkable. On the pre-tribulation rapture view there is room for the judgment seat of Christ and the marriage supper of the Lord. These proceedings will require much time and we may be sure that the Lord will not hurry through affairs of such solemnity and importance. It is impossible to conceive of any other time than the interval between the rapture of the saints and their appearing with Him in glory, when the matters that await judgment between the Lord and His people, and between saint and saint, could be disposed of judicially. On the post-tribulation view, which makes the coming of the Lord for His own and His appearing with them in glory practically one event, there is no possible room for the judgment seat of Christ and marriage of the Lamb. Much more could be said but we believe that we are on solid ground when we exhort the Lord's people to be on the lookout for their Lord from heaven and to "comfort one another with these words."

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

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The Lord to heal my limb.—Mrs. T. Rodriguez, Rt. 1, Box 13, Folsom, La.

Me to be healed of T. B., I am twenty years old; mother to be healed of headache and other trouble.—Esaw Birchmore, Ridgewood T. B. Camp, Columbia,

Since Assembly \$4,500 Debt Lifted From Columbia Church



Above Mr. W. R. McCullum, representing the management of the Pacific Mills of Columbia, S. C., presenting Rev. Edwin M. Mortenson, pastor of the church, with a second mortgage note marked "Fully Satisfied," amount of note, \$1,000. This picture taken at exact moment of presentation on Christmas Eve, a complete surprise to the entire church, excepting pastor having been informed of gift.

The Church of God at Columbia, S. C., for many years has been faithful at her post of duty. Several years she thrived in the Palmetto Village of this lovely city. About six years ago a large brick building was purchased on Main Street, one block south of the Union Depot. This was a valuable piece of property but stood in need of much remodeling. Through unfortunate circumstances the church became financially heavily involved.

Despite the fact of this heavy responsibility, the members and friends and pastors worked faithfully. Today the building on Main Street stands as a monument to the Church of God. The building is beautifully white stuccoed, windows painted a harmonizing color, and an electrically lighted bulletin board; the interior

has plastered walls with a beautiful celotex overhead, lovely pews, rubber runners for aisle and platform heavily carpeted, and a new Grand piano. Along with this, beside the church stands a seven-room brick parsonage with bath, and hardwood floors throughout.

Mr. R. E. Ebert, of the Home Stores, since the Assembly gave the church \$500. Along with this the church and friends put on a special drive, raising a large amount of money. Also, the Pacific Mills called the pastor and informed him of their intention of the surprise gift for Christmas Eve. This was a large gift and well appreciated.

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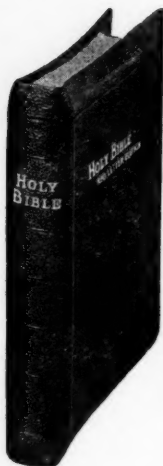
Last but not least, a one year's broadcast has been signed with station WCOS, which began January 3, 1943, so surely we can rejoice that we are pressing forward in Him.

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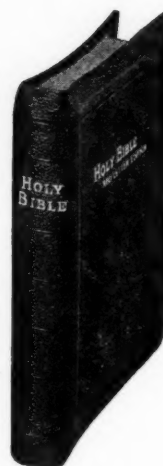
The healing of my husband's back and stomach, he thinks he tore something loose and he suffers all the time.—Mamie Hill, 1417 Mildred St., Dallas, Tex.

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